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Ask Any Wife

Who has tried Blanke's Coffee what she thinks of it. See if she doesn't praise it "to the skies."

Ask any husband who has tried a cup of this fine-flavored drink. See if he doesn't tell you it's the best he ever drank.

Ask your doctor, your lawyer, ask anybody, and the opinion will always be the same.

Blanke's Coffee is better than any other brand in the world. That is all I claim for it. The price is 33 1-3 cents a pound, or three pounds for a dollar.

I Don't

Take any chances at all in my business. It never pays to experiment in Groceries. I simply buy the kinds of food that have a high reputation. Then I know my customers will be satisfied.

Is it any wonder, then, that I'm known as the leading grocer in Keytesville? Is it any wonder that my business is always booming when other folks are talking about dull times?

S. M. WHITE,

Pure Food Grocer.

KEYTESVILLE, - - - MISSOURI.

To An Observing Observer.

As "An Observing Observer" seems to be on the stool of repentance, and has ceased making bald-headed, bare-faced statements, and has begun to realize his ignorance, and now resorts to numerous interrogation points as an evidence that he wants to be led from Republican prejudice and darkness into light, the COURIER believes that it is its solemn duty to impart the desired information in the hope that "An Observing Observer" will repent of his sins, and make such apologies to the county court as his uncalled for abuse and misrepresentation of that august body require.

It remains to be seen whether "An Observing Observer" is really "a Christian gentleman" or whether he is an unscrupulous scoundrel, who has hounded and vilified the county court for political purposes with the view to furthering a selfish ambition.

As to the numerous "abuses" about which our erratic antagonist inquires the COURIER desires to say:

It is no "abuse" for a county court to fix taxation at such a rate within the statutory limits as the necessities of the county may require.

It is no "abuse" for the county court to decrease the township taxes from 10 cts on the \$100 valuation last year to 5 cts on the \$100 this year. A law passed by the last Republican legislature requires that all bridges costing \$50 or over shall be built by the county. Heretofore bridges costing \$100 or less were built by the townships. Hence the necessity for less township taxes and more county taxes.

It is an "abuse" to accuse the county court of allowing 15 cts on the \$100 for pauper purposes and only 5 cts on the \$100 for township purposes. The rate of taxation for pauper and township purposes was fixed at 5 cts on the \$100, each. If the COURIER

printed it otherwise its doing so was a typographical error, as the court records will prove.

It is an "abuse" for "An Observing Observer," or his man, Friday, "A Citizen," to attempt to make the taxpayers believe that the county court could have fixed the total tax levy at more than 40 cts on the \$100, although such a county may be under township organization. Under the constitution of the state the maximum tax levy for all purposes can not exceed 40 cts on the \$100, and under a decision of the supreme court a township tax is a part of the county tax. Besides, it doesn't look well in "An Observing Observer" to howl out of one corner of the office in his face about the county court's increasing taxes, and out of the other corner of the same facial excavation because the court didn't raise the total levy above 40 cts on the \$100, the constitutional limit.

As to rates for printing: It is an "abuse" to insinuate that newspaper men with good sense are going to cut prices below the rates provided by the statutes. Chariton county editors are not such a set of chumps as "An Observing Observer" evidently takes them for.

It is no "abuse" to ridicule "An Observing Observer" for he is a fit subject for the fool-killer.

It is not only an "abuse" but an unpardonable crime to infer that any of the county court judges draw more pay for mileage than is provided for in section 3442 Revised, 1889, Statutes.

It is no "abuse" for the county court to care for the county's poor in the best and most humane manner possible.

It is an abuse for an "An Observing Observer" to make false statements concerning the county court, and more especially so when he has a lustful eye on the seat that Judge Allen now so ably fills on the county court bench.

After all, when the density of "An Observing Observer's" ignorance, the depth of his partisan prejudice, and the now dawning realization that he is short on facts, long on falsehoods longer on a want of knowledge of the conduct of the county's affairs and, when all of these are taken into consideration, it is not strange that "An Observing Observer" should refuse to reveal his identity and continue to conceal, behind a nom de plume, the real name of the author of such short-sighted, untruthful "observations" as are an insult to the integrity and ability of the honorable county court and a libel on the fair name of Chariton county.

The Old Settlers' Reunion.

We hear favorable reports from different parts of the county concerning the good opinion held by the people concerning the Old Settlers' reunion to be held here on Saturday, August 8th. The "old settlers," the "young settlers" and the "new-comers" ought all to be here on that day, determined upon a season of enjoyment, though our joy will not be unmixed with sadness when we recall the fact that since the last reunion some of the most revered and exemplary members of the association have passed to the unseen world. Let us cherish a memory of them by meeting on the day appointed and talking over their virtues, and mingling our tears with those who weep over their loss.

Free Scholarship.

Every member of the lower house and senate in the legislature has a right to appoint to the University from his district one cadet. Such appointment saves the cadet twenty dollars (if he enters the academic department which most of them do) and secures him at least one uniform, which is a good suit of clothes. The competitive examination for this cadetship will take place at the court-house next Monday, Aug. 3rd. Every young man in Chariton county who wants to avail himself of the opportunity of securing a cheap entrance into the University should be present and contend for the prize.

Judge Rucker's Fitness for Congress.

The trite old saying, "Go away from home to hear the news," was again verified in a recent issue of the Madison, Monroe county, Times when it attempted to account for Judge Rucker's strength in the northern tier of counties on the grounds that he holds a seat as circuit judge that the lawyers want to warm.

If this be true, why did not these same lawyers enter the race for congress, which pays a salary of \$5,000 a year more than does the office of circuit judge?

The most surprising "news" the Times gives, however, is when it makes the broad statement that Judge Rucker falls below the general average as an orator.

The Chariton county people who know Judge Rucker best recognize him one of the most forceful and able attorneys who ever pleaded before the Chariton county bar. In his six years' career as prosecuting attorney he was a terror to the evil-doer, and the many convictions he secured thoroughly proved his powers before a jury.

Not only is this true, but Judge Rucker is a good conversationalist, is a splendid debater, is well posted on the great political and economic questions of the day, is fearless in the advocacy of the views he believes to be right, and is the peer, in every respect, of either of the other four candidates for congress.

When the Times suggests "a combine" with the object of defeating Judge Rucker for the nomination, the COURIER can not believe that either of Judge Rucker's honorable competitors is responsible for any such a suggestion, for we believe they are all willing that the Democrats and not the politicians of the Second congressional district should be permitted to choose the nominee for congress.

Woe be unto the candidate who attempts to thwart the will of his constituents!

The COURIER is in favor of every county in the district naming a "second choice" if its first choice can not be nominated, and to that end we take the responsibility of inviting, believing that Judge Rucker and the Democratic voters of Chariton county will sanction our invitation, Messrs. Bodine, Baskett, Lozier and Miller into Chariton county in order that they may determine which of them this county prefers for "second choice" in case Judge Rucker can not obtain the nomination.

In making this offer the COURIER would expect Judge Rucker's opponents to be equally as magnanimous by inviting him to come into their respective counties and make the same kind of a contest, and, in fact, let the matter of a "second choice" be determined, not only in their counties, but in counties that have no candidate as well.

The COURIER is heartily and uncompromisingly in favor of the Democracy of this district naming their standard-bearer for congress instead of leaving that important duty to a few designing politicians.

"The voice of the people is the voice of God," but the voice of the politician is a voice for his own political preferment.

Run Over By His Team.

G. B. Hurt, a rustling, well-to-do farmer living seven miles southeast of Keytesville, happened to a serious accident on Thursday of last week, of which we were an eye witness. He had hitched two young horses to a spring wagon and had started out of his barn lot, when nearing the outer gate he stopped and got out of the wagon to open the gate. Just then a loose mule ran up as though he would run out at the gate. Mr. Hurt threw a corn cob at the mule which started him on a run and scared the team. Mr. Hurt grabbed the off horse by the bridle just as the horses were about reaching the plank fence on the west side of the lot. When the horses struck the fence, they rebounded and

knocked Mr. Hurt down, tramped on him and ran the wagon over him.

The team ran partly around the barn, ran the wagon against the barn, turned it over, broke the tongue and tore loose from the wagon. Mr. Hurt, in the mean time, had gotten up, but was badly stunned by the fall and the shock. There was a large bruise on his left hip and lower muscle of his left leg, but no bones were thought to be broken.

Dr. Hurst, of Shannondale, was called and he found that one of the bones of the lower left limb was fractured, which will cause our good friend to be kept pretty close at home for awhile.

We sympathize with "Grant" in his affliction this hot weather, but we believe he will bear it as patiently as almost any one else.

A Worthy Work.

C. B. Oldham, of the Pictorial and Biographical Publishing company, of Salisbury, has been in Keytesville for several days in the interest of his company, and is engaged in compiling matter for the "Biographical Record of Chariton County." The enterprising projectors are making good headway with the work and at the present rate will have it completed about October 1st. The book will contain some four or five hundred pages when finished.

The editor of the COURIER has had the pleasure of making an examination of this meritorious work as far as finished, and finds it something considerably out of the ordinary as regards the general run of biographical and pictorial records. So far the publishers have finished Salisbury, Prairie Hill, Bynumville, Shannondale, Forest Green and Mussefork, and are making

This work is something in which every citizen of the county should take an interest as it will be a relief for years to come, and should a thread of a family record become lost, it might easily be found by referring to this book.

The pictorial part of the work is something that has never before been used in a work of this kind in Chariton county as each and every scene or portrait is true to life.

The company deserves much credit for the effort they are making to place before our citizens a work well worthy of the public patronage. The COURIER wishes for them abundant success and that bountiful harvest, which untiring energy and commendable enterprise always merit.

"J. W." of Mussel Fork.

One "J. W." in last week's issue of the Brunswick Republican, yelps his approval of the senseless vapors of a jaundiced "Observing Observer." Both these hungry howlers are striving to form a "ring" and get inside of it. "J. W." might just as well have added that other "W" to his initials, for every body knows who he is. He might also have added that he left the Democratic party and joined the Republicans in order that he might, with greater ease, raid the federal treasury. It is also known that he is now seeking to break down the Democratic party in order that he may raid the county treasury. But, W., "J. W." it cannot be, "J. W."

A Frightful Experience.

Mrs. L. H. Herring, her two daughters, Miss Martha and Mrs. C. F. Felsue, of Paris, and the latter's two children and Mrs. Herring's little granddaughter, Maggie May Parks, and Miss Emma Vinson, who makes her home with Mr. Herring's family, had a frightful experience on Thursday of last week. They left home to come to Keytesville for the purpose of taking Mrs. Felsue and her children to the train.

The Mussel Fork was out in the bottoms and in crossing the small bridge, just north of the intersection with the high graded road, it was discovered that the apron on the south end of the bridge was gone. When

the front wheels of the wagon dropped from the bridge the front seat and its occupants were thrown against the dashboard, broke that off and the seat and all fell between the front of the wagon and the rear of the horses. The rear seat and those sitting upon it were thrown into the front part of the wagon. The horses took fright and ran as hard as they could go until they reached the high grade road over 100 yards distant.

Fortunately Luther Sowers, a young man from the country, happened to be passing that way and made a heroic effort to save the lives of the parties by stopping the frightened team, and but for him there is no doubt that all of them would either have been killed or seriously injured. He was successful in his effort and when the team was stopped one of the children was between one of the hind wheels of the wagon and the wagon bed, with one of her feet between the spokes, and Miss Vinson was between the front wheels of the wagon and the horses with a child in each arm. No one was seriously hurt. Mrs. Herring had several pretty severe bruises about her body while all the others made a lucky escape which seems almost miraculous.

A Barn Struck by Lightning and Burned.

A commodious barn, containing about 5,000 bushels of corn, 12 tons of hay, three head of horses and a lot of farming implements, consisting of a two-horse wagon, a buggy, self-binder, a number of plows and several sets of harness, was struck by lightning at an early hour last Thursday morning on the farm of L. S. Bruner, two miles north of Triplett.

The electric bolt set the barn on fire and totally destroyed the building and its contents, with the exception of one of the horses, which managed to escape from the barn, but not until such injuries were received as to render the animal worthless and it had to be shot, as its hair was all burned off and its eyes burned out.

The Triplett Herald places the loss at \$3,000, and says that amount was carried by insurance for \$1,900 in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Suicide of Wm. T. Stroud.

We regret to learn that Wm. T. Stroud, a former highly respected citizen of Chariton county, suicided at his home, in St. Charles, last Saturday.

He accomplished the deed by taking 20 grains of morphine. Mr. Stroud married a daughter of Washington Shepard, who lived for several years on the Bowling Green prairie, seven or eight miles southwest of Keytesville.

The deceased leaves a widow and several children to mourn their loss of husband and father. He was in Keytesville last March and seemed delighted at meeting old acquaintances in and around Keytesville. He was in the employ of a St. Charles tobacco firm.

After leaving Chariton county he resided in Carrollton for several years, but moved from there to St. Charles two or three years ago.

We have heard of no cause for his rash act of self-destruction, but suppose it was due to despondency.

Colored Church Trouble.

The colored Methodists, living on the bluffs, between Keytesville and Brunswick, built a church several years since, on land owned by Jerry Hays, Sr., one of the members. For some cause Jerry has refused to make the church a deed to the ground on which the house is located, and this has led to trouble. It seems there was a meeting held at the church last Monday night with the view of effecting a settlement of this vexed question, but instead of a settlement, bad matters were made worse. It seems there was a prospect of a general row and fearing that his father would get the worst of it, Jerry Hays, Jr., got into the trouble early in the action and with a

club struck Mrs. Richard Ewing on the head, producing a serious, if not fatal wound. On Tuesday morning a writ was sworn out before Squire DeMoss against Jerry Hays, Jr., charging him with felonious assault upon Mrs. Richard Ewing, colored. He was arrested by Constable Veatch, and gave bond to appear Wednesday for trial, but the prosecuting witness not being able to appear against him, the trial was deferred to another day.

Harness Thieves.

Albert Heck, living on the bluff east of Brunswick, lost three horse collars and a pair of check lines from his premises last Tuesday night. He came to Keytesville on Wednesday morning in pursuit of the thieves and overtook them on the Salisbury road one mile east of the red bridge. There were two of them, one who gave his name as F. R. Ballew and said he lived 4 miles south of Salisbury. We did not learn the name of the other one.

They were both young men; were traveling in a two-horse wagon with a cream colored mule tied behind.

Besides Heck's, they had a half dozen or more full sets of harness in their wagon. They said they got Heck's harness from some movers. They gave them up very readily.

Heck came back to Keytesville and swore out a warrant before Squire DeMoss for their arrest. The writ was placed in the hands of Sheriff Dempsey and he and Heck started to hunt the supposed thieves. The pursuers traveled all day but found no trace of their men, except Mr. R. Williams, of Salisbury, in coming to Keytesville, says he met them on the way.

When Sheriff Dempsey gets that information as to the whereabouts of the law and does not bag his game, the game is good at hiding, and no mistake.

Sunday-School Convention.

Rev. Siceloff, the pastor, assisted by other Sunday-school workers in his charge and elsewhere will hold a Sunday-school convention at Helena church, 12 miles south of Keytesville, August 15th. Speakers are expected from Glasgow, Salisbury, Fayette and Keytesville. An interesting program has been prepared for both the forenoon and afternoon.

There was a very interesting Sunday-school convention held at the same place last summer.

Photography.

Reager's Keytesville gallery will be re-opened on Friday, July 31st, and on Saturday, August 1st, and every Friday and Saturday thereafter. He will then be ready to do any and all kinds of work. Every photo turned out guaranteed.

Reager does not claim to do work cheap; but he does claim to make first-class photos as cheap as they can be made consistent with good work and good material.

Give him a call, and if he can not suit your pocket-book, and does not give you a first-class photo, then go elsewhere. But first try him.

Osteopathy.

This science has a world-wide fame. Its success is well known to many people in this part of the country who have tried it, after years of suffering, to be relieved of their ailments.

J. H. Osborn, a graduate of Dr. Still's school at Kirksville, has opened an office at Salisbury, Mo., in the rear of the Salisbury Savings bank. If you suffer, call on him. Consultation free.

Notice.

On account of one of the partners of the firm retiring, we want all those indebted to the undersigned to call and settle their accounts between now and Aug. 15th, 1896.

Respectfully,

Dr. A. J. DARRAH & Co.
Newhall, Mo., July 25th, 1896.